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English - Tafsir ibn kathir

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Allah said in other Ayat,

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And indeed most of the men of old went astray before them. (37:71)

and,

وَمَا أَكْثَرُ النَّاسِ وَلَوْ حَرَصْتَ بِمُؤْمِنِينَ

And most of mankind will not believe even if you eagerly desire it. (12:103)

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We are commanded to convey this deen, the Messenger
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**“And our duty (i.e. the Messengers) is only to convey
plainly (the Message).” (Ya-Sin 36:17)
The reward we seek for conveying this deen should be
sought from Allah (swt).**

وَمَا أَسْأَلُكُمْ عَلَيْهِ مِنْ أَجْرٍ إِنْ أَجْرِيَ إِلَّا عَلَى رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ

**“No reward do I ask of you for it (my Message), my reward
is only from the Lord of the ‘Alamin (mankind, jinns and all
that exists). (Ash-Shu’ara 26:109)**

Point 2 – The Right of Disposal

**Secondly the confusion most people have is that one may
be compensated financially for producing a CD for his
effort in production etc, however once the product is
brought by the buyer he has the right of disposal to do as
he wishes with this CD, DVD, book etc. This includes to
copy the material and distribute it freely if he wishes. The
original seller cannot stipulate any conditions on the buyer
once the goods has left his hands.**

Point 3 – Copyright is an innovation of the Non-Muslims

**If we look to our Islamic History we do not find our
scholars copyrighting their works, rather they made it
available for the Ummah so that they could benefit from**

the knowledge.

Unfortunately with the age of technology, some Muslims have started to practice that which never existed in Islam and are following the innovation (bidah) of copyright.

Jabir ibn Abdullah reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, would praise Allah in his sermon, as He deserves to be praised, and then he would say, “Whomever Allah guides, no one can lead him astray. Whomever Allah sends astray, no one can guide him. The truest word is the Book of Allah and the best guidance is the guidance of Muhammad. The most evil matters are those that are newly invented, for every newly invented matter is an innovation. Every innovation is misguidance, and every misguidance is in the Hellfire.”

Source: Sunan al-Nasā’ī 1578

Grade: *Sahih* (authentic)

Prophet Muhammad pbuh said: Verily he among you who lives long will see great controversy, so you must keep to my Sunnah and to the Sunnah of the Khulafa ar-Rashideen (the rightly guided caliphs), those who guide to the right way. Cling to it stubbornly [literally: with your molar teeth]. Beware of newly invented matters [in the religion], for verily every bidah (innovation) is misguidance.”

Source: Hadith 28, 40 Hadith an-Nawawi

Question

Ahmad The Repenter:

Asalaamu Alaykum.

I was listening to one of your responses on copyright issues,

Now I wanted to know, that the Islamic lectures which are produced and have copyright labels; shouldn't we obey it because lets look at it this way:

All the time and effort to record that lecture, then all the time and effort to edit and all the time and effort to make the cover and to make copies onto dvd and to place them in cases. now if we look at all of this it all adds up money, weather the ink, cd's etc..

And lets say an Islamic organization sells Islamic lectures and they produce it. Are we not suppose to support them by buying the product so they can produce more islamic lectures in the future and also people do this job as a living, so is the copyright feature haram to have after all these points are into thought?

So Insha Allah can you clear up things for me.

May Allah reward you brother Shaykh Feiz Insha Allah with the best of rewards Jannah.

Wasalaam Walakum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh.

Answer

Sheikh Feiz:

**Assalaamu Alaykum warahmatAllah
wabarakatahu.**

**Dear brother Ahmad the Repenter i ask the
Almighty to increase your knowledge,knowledge
that is implemented then taught then patience in
the face of adversity is observed.**

**I appreciate your understanding to this issue,the
issue of copyright in islam, and i do respect your
view.However there are a few things that i
believe that should be looked at before passing
any judgements on this issue, for indeed it is an
issue of great controversy.**

**-Firstly:Islam is not the property of an
individual.The Quran and the sunnah are divine
revelations revealed to man in order that they be
followed.**

**-Secondly: There is no precedent in the glorious
Word of the Almighty nor in the sunnah, nor in
the views of the early jurists (fuqaha) that
knowledge of islam can be subjected to private
ownership or to sale and purchase.**

-Thirdly:I see it as a major obstruction in the spreading of this beautiful deen,as many people can only afford their basic daily needs which i believe are the majority,therefore copyright prevents these people from learning their deen.

-Forthly:Many people buy their islamic material on line which in reality could lead to a prohibited act (i.e) credit cards etc...

-Fifthly:Copyright today for most people has become no more than business, where many people have lost the real focus of dawah which should be solely for the sake of Allah.

What i see from all this and much more my beloved brother Ahmad is that copyright is a major prevention of spreading this beautiful deen to the world.

**Allah the Most High says in surat Ad-Duha:11 (interpretation of its meaning):
"And proclaim the grace of your Lord"**

The prophet (peace be upon him) said:"Convey regarding me even if it were one verse"

He (peace be upon him) also said:"Whoever calls people to right guidance will have a reward like that of those who follow him,without that

detracting from their reward in the slightest..."Narrated by Muslim, "

So how can one convey this beautiful deen which is the greatest treasure on this earth when he is prevented from doing so because of copyright.

May Allah the Almighty forgive us for our shortcomings and guide us to that which He loves and is pleased with.

This is my opinion and Allah knows best.

Sheikh Feiz, wa salam alaykum warahmatAllah wabarakatahu

An-Nisa' 4:59 in Quran Allah says:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا أَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُوا الرَّسُولَ وَأُولِيَ الْأَمْرِ مِنْكُمْ فَإِنْ تَنَازَعْتُمْ فِي شَيْءٍ فَرُدُّوهُ إِلَى اللَّهِ وَالرَّسُولِ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ ءَاخِرِ ذَلِكَ خَيْرٌ وَأَحْسَنُ تَأْوِيلًا

you who have believed, obey Allah and obey the Messenger and those in authority among you. And if you disagree over anything, refer it to Allah and the Messenger, if you should believe in Allah and the Last Day. That is the best [way] and best in result.

Additional information by Faisal Fahim

Why copyright is haram in Islam?

Answer: Some daleels from Quran and authentic hadiths

Abdullah ibn Amr reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said, "Verily, Allah does not withhold knowledge by snatching it away from his servants, but rather he withholds knowledge by taking the souls of scholars, until no scholar remains and people follow ignorant leaders. They are asked and they issue judgments without knowledge. Thus, they are astray and lead others astray."

Source: Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī 100, Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim 2673

Book 34, Number 6452:

Qatida reported that Anas b. Malik said: May I not narrate to you a hadith which I heard from Allah's Messenger (may peace be upon him) which no one would narrate to you after me who would have personally heard it from him (the Holy Prophet) (as I have the good fortune to do so)?-" It is from the signs of the Last Hour that knowledge would be taken away, ignorance would prevail upon (the world), adultery would become common, wine would be drunk, the number of men will fall short and the women would survive (and thus such a disparity would arise in the number of men and women) that there would be one man to look after fifty women.

Book 34, Number 6453:

This hadith has been transmitted on the authority of Anas b. Malik through another chain of narrators, but with a slight variation of wording.

Book 34, Number 6454:

Abu Wa'il reported: I was sitting with 'Abdullah and Abu Musa that they reported Allah's Messenger (may peace be upon him) having said: Prior to the Last Hour, there would be a time when knowledge would be taken away, and ignorance would take its place and there would be bloodshed on a large scale

Above hadiths are from Saheeh Muslim

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English - Tafsir ibn kathir

The Eternal Curse for Those Who hide Religious Commandments

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Verily, those who conceal the clear proofs, evidences and the guidance, which We have sent down, after We have made it clear for the People in the Book, they are the ones cursed by Allah and cursed by the cursers.

These Ayat sternly warn against those who hide the clear signs that the Messengers were sent with which guide to the correct path and beneficial guidance for the hearts, after Allah has made such aspects clear for His servants through the Books that He revealed to His Messengers.

Abu Al-Aliyah said that these Ayat,

"were revealed about the People of the Scripture who hid the description of Muhammad."

Allah then states that everything curses such people for this evil act. Certainly, just as everything asks for forgiveness for the scholar, even the fish in the sea and

the bird in the air, then those who hide knowledge are cursed by Allah and by the cursers.

A Hadith in the Musnad, narrated through several chains of narrators, that strengthens the overall judgment of the Hadith, states that Abu Hurayrah narrated that Allah's Messenger said:

مَنْ سُئِلَ عَنْ عِلْمٍ فَكْتَمَهُ أُجِمَ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ بِلِجَامٍ مِنْ نَارٍ

Whoever was asked about knowledge that one has, but he hid it, then a bridle made of fire will be tied around his mouth on the Day of Resurrection.

It is also recorded by Al-Bukhari that Abu Hurayrah said,

"If it was not for an Ayah in Allah's Book, I would not have narrated a Hadith for anyone:

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(Verily, those who conceal the clear proofs, evidences and the guidance, which We have sent down),"

Mujahid said,

"When the earth is struck by drought, the animals say, 'This is because of the sinners among the Children of Adam. May Allah curse the sinners among the Children of Adam.'"

Abu Al-Aliyah, Ar-Rabi bin Anas and Qatadah said that

وَيَلْعَنُهُمُ الْمَلَكُونَ

(and cursed by the cursers) means that;

the angels and the believers will curse them.

Moreover, a Hadith states that;

everything, including the fish in the sea, asks for forgiveness for the scholars.

The Ayah (2:159 above) states that;

those who hide the knowledge will be cursed, (in this life and) on the Day of Resurrection, by Allah, the angels, all humanity, and those who curse (including the animals) each in its own distinct way.

Allah knows best.

From this punishment, Allah excluded all who repent to Him

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Source: Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim 1893

Islam means submission Islam is the deen from Allah and it belongs to Allah. Islam is for the whole of humanity and believers followers of Islam are called Muslims who are submitters to the way of life of Islam which is from Allah. Islam belongs to Allah Islam is from Allah. Muslims are submitters to Allah and Allah has revealed Islam for the whole of humankind and no one has the right to hide the knowledge of Islam. If the author's, translator's, publisher's or anyone's copyright is stopping the spread of knowledge of the deen of Islam which is from Allah then they are nothing but committing sins and are guilty thus are sinners and harming Islam and the Muslim ummah and the whole humankind And Allah curses them. Because of copyright on the contents many are not able reproduce and distribute Islamic contents and many might not have access to buy the Islamic contents or might not have money to purchase the content. Without copyright anyone in anywhere in the world would be able to reproduce and distribute the content either for free or

for lower rates and make it available where its not available. And no one has a right to make a business for making profits with the deen of Allah. Dawah should be done for the sake of Allah and reward is from Allah. Copyright limits people from spreading and gaining the knowledge of Islam so its haram in the Sharia of Islam. In Islam there is no copyright on Islam which is from Allah.

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Al-Baqarah 2:159

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English Translation - Sahih International

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English translation- Mohsin Khan/Taqi-ud-Din al-Hilali

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The above ayah was revealed for the people of book but it also applies to today's Muslims who hides knowledge of Islam and it also includes many publishers , authors, translators , makers of books videos audios cds dvds etc who claim copyright and which prevents the spread of knowledge of Islam and stops others from remaking reproducing same contents of Islam and stops others from reproducing distributing for free or on lower rates are harming Islam by stopping the spread of knowledge of Islam with copyright and thus are harming Islam ,Muslims and humankind and thus Allah curses them . May Allah give us guidance. Aameen

Sahih al-Bukhari 7320

Narrated Abu Sa`id Al-Khudri:

The Prophet (ﷺ) said, "You will follow the ways of those nations who were before you, span by span and cubit by cubit (i.e., inch by inch) so much so that even if they entered a hole of a mastigure, you would follow them." We said, "O Allah's Messenger (ﷺ)! (Do you mean) the Jews and the Christians?" He said, "Whom else?"

حَدَّثَنَا مُحَمَّدُ بْنُ عَبْدِ الْعَزِيزِ، حَدَّثَنَا أَبُو عُمَرَ الصَّنْعَائِيُّ - مِنَ الْيَمَنِ - عَنْ زَيْدِ بْنِ أَسْلَمَ، عَنْ عَطَاءِ بْنِ يَسَارٍ، عَنْ أَبِي سَعِيدٍ الْخُدْرِيِّ، عَنِ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ " لَتَتَّبَعُنَّ سَنَنَ مَنْ كَانَ قَبْلَكُمْ شِبْرًا شِبْرًا وَذِرَاعًا بِذِرَاعٍ، حَتَّىٰ لَوْ دَخَلُوا جُحْرَ ضَبٍّ تَبِعْتُمُوهُمْ ". قُلْنَا يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ الْيَهُودُ وَالنَّصَارَى قَالَ " فَمَنْ " .

Reference : Sahih al-Bukhari 7320

In-book reference : Book 96, Hadith 50

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Book 92,
Hadith 422**

SURAH AL-FATIHAH



In the Name of Allah, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful.

All the praises and thanks be to Allah, the Lord of the 'Alamin (mankind, jinns and all that exists).

The Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful.

The Only Owner (and the Only Ruling Judge) of the Day of Recompense (i.e. the Day of Resurrection)

You (Alone) we worship, and You (Alone) we ask for help (for each and everything).

Guide us to the Straight Way

The Way of those on whom You have bestowed Your Grace, not (the way) of those who earned Your Anger (such as the Jews), nor of those who went astray (such as the Christians). Al-Quran

Narrated Adi bin Hatim [radhi-yAllahu 'anhu]: I asked Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) about the Statement of Allah: 1." Ghairil-maghdubi 'alaihim [not (the way) of those who earned Your Anger]," he (ﷺ) replied: "They are the Jews." And 2. Walad-dallin (nor of those who went astray)," he (ﷺ) replied: "The Christians, and they are the ones who went astray."

[This Hadith is quoted by At-Tirmidhi and Musnad Abu Dawud].

An-Nahl 16:125

أَدْعُ إِلَى سَبِيلِ رَبِّكَ بِالْحُكْمَةِ وَالْمَوْعِظَةِ الْحَسَنَةِ وَجِدِلْهُمْ بِالَّتِي هِيَ أَحْسَنُ إِنَّ رَبَّكَ هُوَ
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Invite to the way of your Lord with wisdom and good instruction, and argue with them in a way that is best. Indeed, your Lord is most knowing of who has strayed from His way, and He is most knowing of who is [rightly] guided.

Anas ibn Malik reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said, “Seeking knowledge is an obligation upon every Muslim.”

Source: Sunan Ibn Mājah 224

Grade: *Sahih* (authentic)

Ad-Dhuhaa 93:11 Quran

Arabic

وَأَمَّا بِنِعْمَةِ رَبِّكَ فَحَدِّثْ

English translation- Yusuf Ali

But the bounty of the Lord - rehearse and proclaim!

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or(talk about the blessings of your Lord)

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**Allah the Most High says in surat Ad-Duha:11 (interpretation of its meaning):
"And proclaim the grace of your Lord"**

The prophet (peace be upon him) said:"Convey regarding me even if it were one verse"

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detracting from their reward in the slightest..."Narrated by Muslim, "

So how can one convey this beautiful deen which is the greatest treasure on this earth when he is prevented from doing so because of copyright.

May Allah the Almighty forgive us for our shortcomings and guide us to that which He loves and is pleased with.

This is my opinion and Allah knows best.

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Additional information by Faisal Fahim

Why copyright is haram in Islam?

Answer: Some daleels from Quran and authentic hadiths

Abdullah ibn Amr reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said, “Verily, Allah does not withhold knowledge by snatching it away from his servants, but rather he withholds knowledge by taking the souls of scholars, until no scholar remains and people follow ignorant leaders. They are asked and they issue judgments without knowledge. Thus, they are astray and lead others astray.”

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Above hadiths are from Saheeh Muslim

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English - Tafsir ibn kathir

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These Ayat sternly warn against those who hide the clear signs that the Messengers were sent with which guide to the correct path and beneficial guidance for the hearts, after Allah has made such aspects clear for His servants through the Books that He revealed to His Messengers.

Abu Al-Aliyah said that these Ayat,

"were revealed about the People of the Scripture who hid the description of Muhammad."

Allah then states that everything curses such people for this evil act. Certainly, just as everything asks for forgiveness for the scholar, even the fish in the sea and

the bird in the air, then those who hide knowledge are cursed by Allah and by the cursers.

A Hadith in the Musnad, narrated through several chains of narrators, that strengthens the overall judgment of the Hadith, states that Abu Hurayrah narrated that Allah's Messenger said:

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Whoever was asked about knowledge that one has, but he hid it, then a bridle made of fire will be tied around his mouth on the Day of Resurrection.

It is also recorded by Al-Bukhari that Abu Hurayrah said,

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Mujahid said,

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Abu Al-Aliyah, Ar-Rabi bin Anas and Qatadah said that

وَيَلْعَنُهُمُ الْمَلَأُونَ

(and cursed by the cursers) means that;

the angels and the believers will curse them.

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The Ayah (2:159 above) states that;

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Allah knows best.

From this punishment, Allah excluded all who repent to Him

Abu Mas'ud reported: The Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said, "Whoever guides someone to goodness will have a reward like one who did it."

Source: Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim 1893

Islam means submission Islam is the deen from Allah and it belongs to Allah. Islam is for the whole of humanity and believers followers of Islam are called Muslims who are submitters to the way of life of Islam which is from Allah. Islam belongs to Allah Islam is from Allah. Muslims are submitters to Allah and Allah has revealed Islam for the whole of humankind and no one has the right to hide the knowledge of Islam. If the author's, translator's, publisher's or anyone's copyright is stopping the spread of knowledge of the deen of Islam which is from Allah then they are nothing but committing sins and are guilty thus are sinners and harming Islam and the Muslim ummah and the whole humankind And Allah curses them. Because of copyright on the contents many are not able reproduce and distribute Islamic contents and many might not have access to buy the Islamic contents or might not have money to purchase the content. Without copyright anyone in anywhere in the world would be able to reproduce and distribute the content either for free or

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English Translation - Sahih International

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The above ayah was revealed for the people of book but it also applies to today's Muslims who hides knowledge of Islam and it also includes many publishers , authors, translators , makers of books videos audios cds dvds etc who claim copyright and which prevents the spread of knowledge of Islam and stops others from remaking reproducing same contents of Islam and stops others from reproducing distributing for free or on lower rates are harming Islam by stopping the spread of knowledge of Islam with copyright and thus are harming Islam ,Muslims and humankind and thus Allah curses them . May Allah give us guidance. Aameen

Sahih al-Bukhari 7320

Narrated Abu Sa'id Al-Khudri:

The Prophet (ﷺ) said, "You will follow the ways of those nations who were before you, span by span and cubit by cubit (i.e., inch by inch) so much so that even if they entered a hole of a mastigure, you would follow them." We said, "O Allah's Messenger (ﷺ)! (Do you mean) the Jews and the Christians?" He said, "Whom else?"

حَدَّثَنَا مُحَمَّدُ بْنُ عَبْدِ الْعَزِيزِ، حَدَّثَنَا أَبُو عُمَرَ الصَّنْعَائِيُّ - مِنَ الْيَمَنِ - عَنْ زَيْدِ بْنِ أَسْلَمَ، عَنْ عَطَاءِ بْنِ يَسَارٍ، عَنْ أَبِي سَعِيدٍ الْخُدْرِيِّ، عَنِ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ " لَتَتَّبَعُنَّ سَنَنَ مَنْ كَانَ قَبْلَكُمْ شِبْرًا شِبْرًا وَذِرَاعًا بِذِرَاعٍ، حَتَّىٰ لَوْ دَخَلُوا جُحْرَ ضَبٍّ تَبِعْتُمُوهُمْ ". قُلْنَا يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ الْيَهُودُ وَالنَّصَارَى قَالَ " فَمَنْ " .

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In-book reference : Book 96, Hadith 50

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Book 92,
Hadith 422**

SURAH AL-FATIHAH



In the Name of Allah, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful.

All the praises and thanks be to Allah, the Lord of the 'Alamin (mankind, jinns and all that exists).

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You (Alone) we worship, and You (Alone) we ask for help (for each and everything).

Guide us to the Straight Way

The Way of those on whom You have bestowed Your Grace, not (the way) of those who earned Your Anger (such as the Jews), nor of those who went astray (such as the Christians). Al-Quran

Narrated Adi bin Hatim [radhi-yAllahu 'anhu]: I asked Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) about the Statement of Allah: 1." Ghairil-maghdubi 'alaihim [not (the way) of those who earned Your Anger]," he (ﷺ) replied: "They are the Jews." And 2. Walad-dallin (nor of those who went astray)," he (ﷺ) replied: "The Christians, and they are the ones who went astray."

[This Hadith is quoted by At-Tirmidhi and Musnad Abu Dawud].

An-Nahl 16:125

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Invite to the way of your Lord with wisdom and good instruction, and argue with them in a way that is best. Indeed, your Lord is most knowing of who has strayed from His way, and He is most knowing of who is [rightly] guided.

Anas ibn Malik reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said, “Seeking knowledge is an obligation upon every Muslim.”

Source: Sunan Ibn Mājah 224

Grade: *Sahih* (authentic)

Ad-Dhuhaa 93:11 Quran

Arabic

وَأَمَّا بِنِعْمَةِ رَبِّكَ فَحَدِّثْ

English translation- Yusuf Ali

But the bounty of the Lord - rehearse and proclaim!

English translation - Mohsin Khan/Taqi-ud-Din al-Hilali

And proclaim the Grace of your Lord

or(talk about the blessings of your Lord)

This book explains why claiming copyright on Islam (example: Islamic contents, books, literatures, articles, audios, videos, cds, dvds. etc) is innovation is forbidden is haram in the Sharia of Islam thus there is no copyright on Islam or on anything that contains any part of Islam even if it's a single verse or word or name that is from Islam as Islam belongs to Allah regardless of on what language the content of Islam is available on as the knowledge of Islam is from Allah so in the Sharia of Islam there can not be copyright on the contents that is based on knowledge information of Islam which is from Allah.

Al-An'am 6:116 Quran

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English - Tafsir ibn kathir

Most People are Misguided

Allah says;

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Allah states that most of the people of the earth, are misguided.

Allah said in other Ayat,

وَلَقَدْ ضَلَّ قَبْلَهُمْ أَكْثَرُ الْأَوَّلِينَ

And indeed most of the men of old went astray before them. (37:71)

and,

وَمَا أَكْثَرُ النَّاسِ وَلَوْ حَرَصْتَ بِمُؤْمِنِينَ

And most of mankind will not believe even if you eagerly desire it. (12:103)

They are misguided, yet they have doubts about their way, and they rely on wishful thinking and delusions.

إِنْ يَتَّبِعُونَ إِلَّا الظَّنَّ وَإِنْ هُمْ إِلَّا يَخْرُصُونَ

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Point 1- No Intellectual Copyright

First and foremost we wish to point out that there is no such thing as intellectual copyright in Islam i.e. a person cannot quote Quran and Sunnah or anything related to this deen and claim it for himself, as this deen belongs to Allah (swt),

إِنَّ الدِّينَ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ الْإِسْلَامُ

Truly, the religion with Allah is Islam. (Aale Imran 3:19)
We are commanded to convey this deen, the Messenger (saw) said in a hadith collected in Sahih Al Bukhari,

بَلِّغُوا عَنِّي وَلَوْ آيَةً

“Convey from me even one verse”

and Allah says,

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“And our duty (i.e. the Messengers) is only to convey plainly (the Message).” (Ya-Sin 36:17)
The reward we seek for conveying this deen should be sought from Allah (swt).

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-Thirdly:I see it as a major obstruction in the spreading of this beautiful deen,as many people can only afford their basic daily needs which i believe are the majority,therefore copyright prevents these people from learning their deen.

-Forthly:Many people buy their islamic material on line which in reality could lead to a prohibited act (i.e) credit cards etc...

-Fifthly:Copyright today for most people has become no more than business, where many people have lost the real focus of dawah which should be solely for the sake of Allah.

What i see from all this and much more my beloved brother Ahmad is that copyright is a major prevention of spreading this beautiful deen to the world.

**Allah the Most High says in surat Ad-Duha:11 (interpretation of its meaning):
"And proclaim the grace of your Lord"**

The prophet (peace be upon him) said:"Convey regarding me even if it were one verse"

He (peace be upon him) also said:"Whoever calls people to right guidance will have a reward like that of those who follow him,without that

detracting from their reward in the slightest..."Narrated by Muslim, "

So how can one convey this beautiful deen which is the greatest treasure on this earth when he is prevented from doing so because of copyright.

May Allah the Almighty forgive us for our shortcomings and guide us to that which He loves and is pleased with.

This is my opinion and Allah knows best.

Sheikh Feiz, wa salam alaykum warahmatAllah wabarakatahu

An-Nisa' 4:59 in Quran Allah says:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا أَطِيعُوا اللَّهَ وَأَطِيعُوا الرَّسُولَ وَأُولَى الْأَمْرِ مِنْكُمْ فَإِنْ تَنَازَعْتُمْ فِي شَيْءٍ فَرُدُّوهُ إِلَى اللَّهِ وَالرَّسُولِ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ تُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ ءَاخِرِ ذَلِكَ خَيْرٌ وَأَحْسَنُ تَأْوِيلًا

you who have believed, obey Allah and obey the Messenger and those in authority among you. And if you disagree over anything, refer it to Allah and the Messenger, if you should believe in Allah and the Last Day. That is the best [way] and best in result.

Additional information by Faisal Fahim

Why copyright is haram in Islam?

Answer: Some daleels from Quran and authentic hadiths

Abdullah ibn Amr reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said, "Verily, Allah does not withhold knowledge by snatching it away from his servants, but rather he withholds knowledge by taking the souls of scholars, until no scholar remains and people follow ignorant leaders. They are asked and they issue judgments without knowledge. Thus, they are astray and lead others astray."

Source: Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī 100, Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim 2673

Book 34, Number 6452:

Qatida reported that Anas b. Malik said: May I not narrate to you a hadith which I heard from Allah's Messenger (may peace be upon him) which no one would narrate to you after me who would have personally heard it from him (the Holy Prophet) (as I have the good fortune to do so)?-" It is from the signs of the Last Hour that knowledge would be taken away, ignorance would prevail upon (the world), adultery would become common, wine would be drunk, the number of men will fall short and the women would survive (and thus such a disparity would arise in the number of men and women) that there would be one man to look after fifty women.

Book 34, Number 6453:

This hadith has been transmitted on the authority of Anas b. Malik through another chain of narrators, but with a slight variation of wording.

Book 34, Number 6454:

Abu Wa'il reported: I was sitting with 'Abdullah and Abu Musa that they reported Allah's Messenger (may peace be upon him) having said: Prior to the Last Hour, there would be a time when knowledge would be taken away, and ignorance would take its place and there would be bloodshed on a large scale

Above hadiths are from Saheeh Muslim

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يَكْتُمُونَ مَا أَنزَلْنَا مِنَ الْبَيِّنَاتِ وَالْهُدَىٰ مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا بَيَّنَّاهُ لِلنَّاسِ فِي الْكِتَابِ أُولَٰئِكَ يَلْعَنُهُمُ اللَّهُ وَيَلْعَنُهُمُ اللَّعْنُونَ

Indeed, those who conceal what We sent down of clear proofs and guidance after We made it clear for the people in the Scripture – those are cursed by Allah and cursed by those who curse

Quran Al-Baqarah 2:159

Quran Al-Baqarah 2:159

English - Tafsir ibn kathir

The Eternal Curse for Those Who hide Religious Commandments

Allah says;

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يَكْتُمُونَ مَا أَنزَلْنَا مِنَ الْبَيِّنَاتِ وَالْهُدَىٰ مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا بَيَّنَّاهُ لِلنَّاسِ فِي الْكِتَابِ
أُولَٰئِكَ يَلْعَنُهُمُ اللَّهُ وَيَلْعَنُهُمُ اللَّعْنُونَ

Verily, those who conceal the clear proofs, evidences and the guidance, which We have sent down, after We have made it clear for the People in the Book, they are the ones cursed by Allah and cursed by the cursers.

These Ayat sternly warn against those who hide the clear signs that the Messengers were sent with which guide to the correct path and beneficial guidance for the hearts, after Allah has made such aspects clear for His servants through the Books that He revealed to His Messengers.

Abu Al-Aliyah said that these Ayat,

"were revealed about the People of the Scripture who hid the description of Muhammad."

Allah then states that everything curses such people for this evil act. Certainly, just as everything asks for forgiveness for the scholar, even the fish in the sea and

the bird in the air, then those who hide knowledge are cursed by Allah and by the cursers.

A Hadith in the Musnad, narrated through several chains of narrators, that strengthens the overall judgment of the Hadith, states that Abu Hurayrah narrated that Allah's Messenger said:

مَنْ سُئِلَ عَنْ عِلْمٍ فَكْتَمَهُ أُجِمَ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ بِلِجَامٍ مِنْ نَارٍ

Whoever was asked about knowledge that one has, but he hid it, then a bridle made of fire will be tied around his mouth on the Day of Resurrection.

It is also recorded by Al-Bukhari that Abu Hurayrah said,

"If it was not for an Ayah in Allah's Book, I would not have narrated a Hadith for anyone:

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يَكْتُمُونَ مَا أَنْزَلْنَا مِنَ الْبَيِّنَاتِ وَالْهُدَى

(Verily, those who conceal the clear proofs, evidences and the guidance, which We have sent down),"

Mujahid said,

"When the earth is struck by drought, the animals say, 'This is because of the sinners among the Children of Adam. May Allah curse the sinners among the Children of Adam.'"

Abu Al-Aliyah, Ar-Rabi bin Anas and Qatadah said that

وَيَلْعَنُهُمُ الْمَلَكُونَ

(and cursed by the cursers) means that;

the angels and the believers will curse them.

Moreover, a Hadith states that;

everything, including the fish in the sea, asks for forgiveness for the scholars.

The Ayah (2:159 above) states that;

those who hide the knowledge will be cursed, (in this life and) on the Day of Resurrection, by Allah, the angels, all humanity, and those who curse (including the animals) each in its own distinct way.

Allah knows best.

From this punishment, Allah excluded all who repent to Him

Abu Mas'ud reported: The Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, said, "Whoever guides someone to goodness will have a reward like one who did it."

Source: Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim 1893

Islam means submission Islam is the deen from Allah and it belongs to Allah. Islam is for the whole of humanity and believers followers of Islam are called Muslims who are submitters to the way of life of Islam which is from Allah. Islam belongs to Allah Islam is from Allah. Muslims are submitters to Allah and Allah has revealed Islam for the whole of humankind and no one has the right to hide the knowledge of Islam. If the author's, translator's, publisher's or anyone's copyright is stopping the spread of knowledge of the deen of Islam which is from Allah then they are nothing but committing sins and are guilty thus are sinners and harming Islam and the Muslim ummah and the whole humankind And Allah curses them. Because of copyright on the contents many are not able reproduce and distribute Islamic contents and many might not have access to buy the Islamic contents or might not have money to purchase the content. Without copyright anyone in anywhere in the world would be able to reproduce and distribute the content either for free or

for lower rates and make it available where its not available. And no one has a right to make a business for making profits with the deen of Allah. Dawah should be done for the sake of Allah and reward is from Allah. Copyright limits people from spreading and gaining the knowledge of Islam so its haram in the Sharia of Islam. In Islam there is no copyright on Islam which is from Allah.

Allah knows best.

Al-Baqarah 2:159

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يَكْتُمُونَ مَا أَنزَلْنَا مِنَ الْبَيِّنَاتِ وَالْهُدَىٰ مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا بَيَّنَّاهُ لِلنَّاسِ فِي الْكِتَابِ أُولَٰئِكَ يَلْعَنُهُمُ اللَّهُ وَيَلْعَنُهُمُ اللَّعُنُونَ

English Translation - Sahih International

Indeed, those who conceal what We sent down of clear proofs and guidance after We made it clear for the people in the Scripture – those are cursed by Allah and cursed by those who curse,

English translation- Mohsin Khan/Taqi-ud-Din al-Hilali

Verily, those who conceal the clear proofs, evidences and the guidance, which We have sent down, after We have made it clear for the people in the Book, they are the ones cursed by Allah and cursed by the cursers.

The above ayah was revealed for the people of book but it also applies to today's Muslims who hides knowledge of Islam and it also includes many publishers , authors, translators , makers of books videos audios cds dvds etc who claim copyright and which prevents the spread of knowledge of Islam and stops others from remaking reproducing same contents of Islam and stops others from reproducing distributing for free or on lower rates are harming Islam by stopping the spread of knowledge of Islam with copyright and thus are harming Islam ,Muslims and humankind and thus Allah curses them . May Allah give us guidance. Aameen

Sahih al-Bukhari 7320

Narrated Abu Sa`id Al-Khudri:

The Prophet (ﷺ) said, "You will follow the ways of those nations who were before you, span by span and cubit by cubit (i.e., inch by inch) so much so that even if they entered a hole of a mastigure, you would follow them." We said, "O Allah's Messenger (ﷺ)! (Do you mean) the Jews and the Christians?" He said, "Whom else?"

حَدَّثَنَا مُحَمَّدُ بْنُ عَبْدِ الْعَزِيزِ، حَدَّثَنَا أَبُو عُمَرَ الصَّنْعَائِيُّ - مِنَ الْيَمَنِ - عَنْ زَيْدِ بْنِ أَسْلَمَ، عَنْ عَطَاءِ بْنِ يَسَارٍ، عَنْ أَبِي سَعِيدٍ الْخُدْرِيِّ، عَنِ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ قَالَ " لَتَتَّبَعُنَّ سَنَنَ مَنْ كَانَ قَبْلَكُمْ شِبْرًا شِبْرًا وَذِرَاعًا بِذِرَاعٍ، حَتَّىٰ لَوْ دَخَلُوا جُحْرَ ضَبٍّ تَبِعْتُمُوهُمْ ". قُلْنَا يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ الْيَهُودُ وَالنَّصَارَى قَالَ " فَمَنْ " .

Reference : Sahih al-Bukhari 7320

In-book reference : Book 96, Hadith 50

**: Vol. 9,
Book 92,
Hadith 422**

SURAH AL-FATIHAH



In the Name of Allah, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful.

All the praises and thanks be to Allah, the Lord of the 'Alamin (mankind, jinns and all that exists).

The Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful.

The Only Owner (and the Only Ruling Judge) of the Day of Recompense (i.e. the Day of Resurrection)

You (Alone) we worship, and You (Alone) we ask for help (for each and everything).

Guide us to the Straight Way

The Way of those on whom You have bestowed Your Grace, not (the way) of those who earned Your Anger (such as the Jews), nor of those who went astray (such as the Christians). Al-Quran

Narrated Adi bin Hatim [radhi-yAllahu 'anhu]: I asked Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) about the Statement of Allah: 1." Ghairil-maghdubi 'alaihim [not (the way) of those who earned Your Anger]," he (ﷺ) replied: "They are the Jews." And 2. Walad-dallin (nor of those who went astray)," he (ﷺ) replied: "The Christians, and they are the ones who went astray."

[This Hadith is quoted by At-Tirmidhi and Musnad Abu Dawud].

An-Nahl 16:125

أَدْعُ إِلَى سَبِيلِ رَبِّكَ بِالْحُكْمَةِ وَالْمَوْعِظَةِ الْحَسَنَةِ وَجِدِلْهُمْ بِالَّتِي هِيَ أَحْسَنُ إِنَّ رَبَّكَ هُوَ
أَعْلَمُ بِمَنْ ضَلَّ عَنْ سَبِيلِهِ وَهُوَ أَعْلَمُ بِالْمُهْتَدِينَ

Invite to the way of your Lord with wisdom and good instruction, and argue with them in a way that is best. Indeed, your Lord is most knowing of who has strayed from His way, and He is most knowing of who is [rightly] guided.

Anas ibn Malik reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said, “Seeking knowledge is an obligation upon every Muslim.”

Source: Sunan Ibn Mājah 224

Grade: *Sahih* (authentic)

Ad-Dhuhaa 93:11 Quran

Arabic

وَأَمَّا بِنِعْمَةِ رَبِّكَ فَحَدِّثْ

English translation- Yusuf Ali

But the bounty of the Lord - rehearse and proclaim!

English translation - Mohsin Khan/Taqi-ud-Din al-Hilali

And proclaim the Grace of your Lord

or(talk about the blessings of your Lord)

